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Thin-Wall Flame Retardance

Attorney Docket No.: GEPL-P-085

Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: Peter A. Szekely

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2. To further demonstrate the importance of the combination of materials recited in the claims to achieving the properties of a UL94 V0 rating at a thickness of 0.8 mm, a notched Izod impact strength of or 25 k-cm/cm or greater and a flexural modulus of 29,000 kg/cm² or greater, additional tests have been performed. These tests, as described in the Table below, provide four additional comparative examples: Comp Ex 5 which contains no mineral filler but does contain the other components, and Comp Examples 6-8 which make use of a non-phosphate flame retardant, methylphenyl silicone, which is a flame retardant used in compositions in US Patent Publication 2002/0193476, which we understand was cited by the Examiner, together with each of the three recited mineral fillers.
3. In the comparative examples using methyl phenyl silicone as a flame retardant, one additional difference is that these three examples do not include PTFE. PTFE acts in compositions of this type as an anti-drip agent. While this will have had some impact on the

UL94 rating, given the very long burn times of these three examples it would not have improved the rating to V0 as required by the claims.

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Talc	0	0	10	
Wollastonite	0	0	0	8
ABS 1 (Bulk type)	8	8	8	8
PTFE	0.5			
BPADP	7			
Methyl phenyl silicone		7	7	7
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Notched IZOD(J/m)	75	79	50	39
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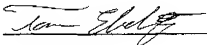
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